

## CATAWBA COUNTY

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PRESS RELEASE

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## Foster Parent Association will meet on August 18

The Foster Parent Association will meet on Monday, August 18, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Grace Reformed United Church of Christ located at 117 East J Street in Newton.

"This is an important meeting for foster parents to attend because we will be offering First Aid and CPR training," says Marjorie Manko, foster home licensure specialist with Family Builders of Catawba Valley. "This training now is being required by the state for all licensed foster parents."

Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

The Foster Parent Association provides opportunities for foster parents to share experiences, advice and knowledge. The Association also promotes professionalism among foster parents by supporting continuing education and opportunities to improve skills. It also is a great socialization opportunity for foster parents and their families.

For more information about the Foster Parent Association, contact FPA President Don Brookman at 828-308-0097. To discuss becoming a resource family or learn more about the opportunity, contact Regina Roberts at Family Builders of Catawba Valley at (828) 465-8970 or email <a href="mailto:rroberts@catawbacountync.gov">rroberts@catawbacountync.gov</a>.

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